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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Up 5 Percent From Last Year

On May 1, 2006, Arizona had 346,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 5 percent from a year ago and down 5,000 from last month. Placements totaled 27,000 head, 4,000 head less than a year ago. During April, 23,000 head were marketed, down 1,000 head from last April.

On May 1, 2006, California had 530,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 6 percent from last year, but down 5,000 from last month. Placements totaled 60,000 head, down 4,000 head from last year. During April, 60,000 head were marketed, up 1,000 head from last April.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on May 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above May 1, 2005 and 11 percent above May 1, 2004. This is the highest May 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.63 million, 2 percent below 2005 but 2 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.54 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 385,000, 600-699 pounds were 270,000, 700-799 pounds were 444,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 530,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.79 million, down slightly from 2005 and 5 percent below 2004. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 87,000 during April, 4 percent below 2005 and 10 percent below 2004.

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